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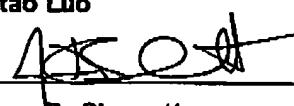
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Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephone conference of July 8, 2004. The undersigned and the Examiner discussed the Office Action dated May 25, 2004. More specifically, the undersigned noted that claims 33-34 were not examined or allowed and Applicant requested clarification of the status of such claims in a subsequent Office Action so Applicant could determine how to appropriately proceed with the prosecution of this application. Applicant also presented arguments regarding patentability of the rejected claims. For example, Applicant traversed the obviousness rejection of claims 1 and 12 based upon the fact that Kim is directed towards encoding of data for compression for later reconstruction of the data and the purpose of Kim would be destroyed if the subject matter of Kim were modified pursuant to the Office Action to permit user specification of points as alleged to

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be disclosed by Ikezawa. In particular, the combination would require significant modification of Kim, require significant user intervention during operation, and at a minimum would drastically slow the encoding process of Kim to unacceptable speeds which defeat the efficiencies gained by encoding in the first instance. Further at least in view of the numerous drawbacks of the modification of Kim set forth in the Office Action, there is no motivation to modify the reference teachings in support of the rejection and the only motivation results from improper reliance upon Applicant's disclosure. It was agreed that Applicant would decide how to proceed after receiving the follow-up new Office Action.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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